



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Water Agency
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 10/11/11
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Water Agency

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Tom Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3440

SUBJECT: **Approve the Agreement with RMC Water and Environment to update the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for Santa Barbara County, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with RMC Water and Environment (not a local vendor) to update the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for Santa Barbara County from the period of October 11, 2011 through December 31, 2013 in the amount not to exceed \$555,737.00; and
- B. Find that the proposed Update to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Section 15262; Feasibility and Planning Studies and Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities, and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption (POST).

Summary Text:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) administers Proposition 84, which provides for grant funding of a variety of water related projects in accordance with an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Santa Barbara County's existing IRWMP was completed in May of 2007.

Proposition 84 guidelines require that the existing plan be updated to meet current planning and analysis requirements and to include projects proposed for future funding through a Proposition 84 Implementation grant. Proposition 84 also provides grant funds for revision of the existing IRWMP.

The Santa Barbara County region has been awarded a DWR Planning Grant in the amount of \$555,737.00 to cover hard costs. The Santa Barbara County Partners have committed in-kind administrative services in the amount of \$185,892.00, and the City of Santa Maria will contribute \$30,000.00 cash, for a total budget of \$771,629.00.

The update of the IRWMP will address changing water conditions and issues within the County, incorporate new DWR requirements for the document, and allow for the Santa Barbara Region to continue applying for funds in accordance with the IRWM Program. The Public Works Director will execute the DWR Agreement for grant funding of the IRWMP (copy attached) pursuant to Resolution 10-193, which authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute Proposition 84 related DWR agreements and amendments.

RMC Water and Environment was selected for the plan update through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The key staff of RMC has previously completed extensive work on Santa Barbara's IRWM efforts including development of the existing IRWMP, successful application for the Proposition 50 and 84 Implementation Grants, development of the Regional Approval Process document for Proposition 84, and conducting the Project Selection Process for Proposition 84.

The attached Notice of Exemption will satisfy CEQA requirements for the update of the plan.

Background:

At the Board's direction, beginning in September 2006, the County Water Agency has worked with a County-wide group of cities, special districts, water companies, and joint powers authorities to develop the first Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (completed in May 2007).

As authorized by the Water Agency Board of Directors on December 11, 2007, the Water Agency acts as the single eligible grant recipient responsible for administration of the IRWMP Grants. In accordance with the existing MOU and sub-grant agreements between the Water Agency and Project Proponents, the Water Agency functions as a pass through agency between the State and Proponents. The Water Agency is responsible to organize and forward the required project reporting information and to review and submit claims to the State from each Project Proponent and reimburse the Project Proponent once funding is received from the State.

Pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 et seq.), on behalf of the 29 agencies who cooperated in the preparation of the IRWMP, the County Water Agency has applied for and been granted approximately \$29 million in funding for 17 water related projects within the County and the IRWMP update.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State Prop 84 grant	\$ 300,000.00		\$ 555,737.00
Federal			
County In-Kind			\$ 100,000.00
City of Santa Maria			\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 685,737.00

Narrative:

Revenue from this grant was included in this current fiscal year’s budget. The expenditure of updating the IRWMP was also included in the 2011-12 Adopted budget under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department as shown on page D-352 in the budget book. Costs from this agreement will be reimbursement through the Prop 84 grant.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to Post the attached Notice of Exemption. Send the following to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez:

- two originals of Agreement w/RMC Water and Environment
- one copy of the minute order
- a copy of the stamped NOE

Attachments:

RMC Professional Services Agreement (3 originals)
 Grant Agreement (copy)
 Notice of CEQA Exemption

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cc: Kathy Caldwell, RMC Water and Environmental